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SUMMARY. PRESS APRIL 12 CONTINUES HIGHLIGHT THEME OF NEED
FOR U.S. PRESSURE ON ISRAEL TO WITHDRAW RAPIDLY FROM
LEBANON AND AHRAH CARTOON SEES U.S. AS SOFT ON ISRAEL.
PAPERS ALSO PUBLICIZE "PEACE NOW" MOVEMENT IN ISRAEL
AND TROUBLES ON WEST BANK. END SUMMARY.
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1. WITHDRAWAL. AHRAH FRONT-PAGE STORY CASTS DOUBT ON
BEGINNING ISRAELI DECLARED WITHDRAWAL FROM LEBANON, SAY-
ING UN HAS HEARD NO INFORMATION ABOUT WITHDRAWAL. ARAB
DELEGATES TO UN REPORTEDLY WILL ASK UNSC TO WORK OUT
TIMETABLE AND, IF NOT OBTAINED, THEY WILL SUBMIT DRAFT
RESOLUTION TO CONDEMN ISRAEL AND IMPOSE SANCTIONS. BOTH

AHRAM AND AKHBAR REPORT "MILITARY ANALYSTS" DESCRIBING PRESENT WITHDRAWALS AS NOT MILITARILY SIGNIFICANT. AKHBAR DOES REPORT IDF WITHDRAWAL FROM SEVEN VILLAGES AND THAT UN FORCES HAVE MOVED IN.

2. ISRAEL. AHRAM CARRIES ANNOUNCEMENT BY LEADER OF ISRAELI "PEACE NOW" MOVEMENT THAT MOVEMENT WILL CONTINUE TO CHALLENGE BEGIN'S POLICY. AKHBAR ADDS THAT PEACE MOVEMENT WILL CARRY OUT PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN TO PUSH ITS VIEWS. AHRAM ALSO HIGHLIGHTS ARAB STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS ON WEST BANK AGAINST OCCUPATION.

3. U.S. ROLE. U.S. STILL CRITICIZED FOR BEING TOO SOFT ON ISRAEL. AHRAM HAS CARTOON ENTITLED "AMERICAN REPRI-MAND OF ISRAEL" WHICH HAS UNCLE SAM SCOLDING BEGIN AND SAYING "THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE . . . IF YOU EXHAUST IT, I WILL GIVE YOU A SECOND CHANCE . . . DO YOU UNDER- STAND?" GUMHURIYYA EDITORIAL PICKS UP SAME THEME. UP-COMING CARTER-BEGIN MEETING DESCRIBED AS CHANCE U.S. "MUST NOT LOSE" IN VIEW OF AMERICAN ROLE AS PARTNER, NOT MERE MEDIATOR, IN PEACE PROCESS. GIVEN U.S. "VITAL STRATEGIC INTERESTS" (OIL AND MARKETS) IN ME, EDITORIAL CALLS ON U.S. TO PUT "POSITIVE, EFFECTIVE" PRESSURE ON ISRAEL. EILTS

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